

United Fighting Arts Federation

5th Degree Chuck Norris System Black Belt Promotion Requirements

Objective Requirements

- Minimum of four years active membership since 4th degree
- Two UFAF Master Development Series (MDS) certifications
- Self-defense curriculum completion, or equivalent (if not previously completed)
- Master Rank Induction Ceremony participation
- Board recommendation

Subjective Requirements

The Constitution and Bylaws of the United Fighting Arts Federation™, which governs the Chuck Norris System™, stipulates that time requirements listed for promotion to any CNS master-level rank (5th degree black belt and higher) are guidelines only, with final determinations to be made by the UFAF Board of Directors or the Executive Committee or the Chairman. These minimum time requirements do not constitute promotion guarantees, promotion limits, or automatic promotions.

Promotions to the master-level ranks are based not only on the objective requirements listed above, but also on certain subjective requirements, such as organizational needs for leadership and/or a black belt's outstanding performance in the Chuck Norris System including, but not limited to:

- one's students and school(s)
- service
- competitive success and influence
- teaching certifications and ability
- martial arts educational accomplishments through UFAF and elsewhere
- Chuck Norris System knowledge and martial arts knowledge in general
- Etc.

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